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Numbers for mudslide victims.

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Adam Miller <[adam.miller@lacity.org](mailto:adam.miller@lacity.org)>  
**Date:** December 19, 2015 at 11:40:08 AM PST  
**To:** Alexander Kim <[alexander.kim@lacity.org](mailto:alexander.kim@lacity.org)>  
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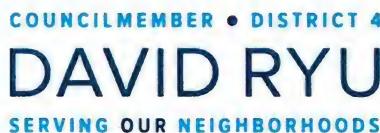
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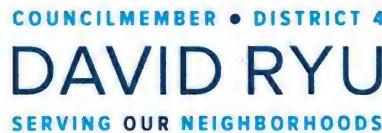
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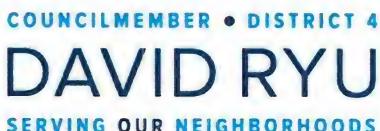
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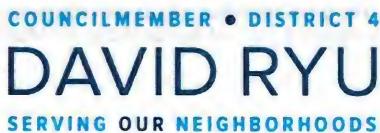
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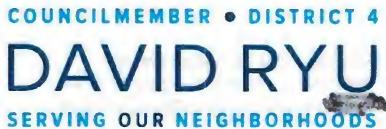
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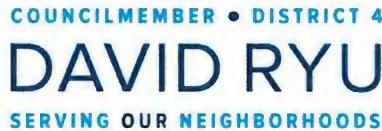
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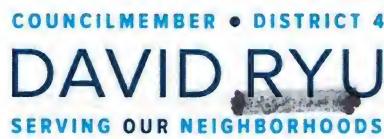
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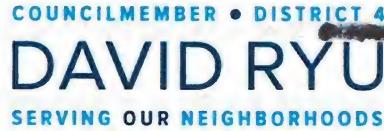
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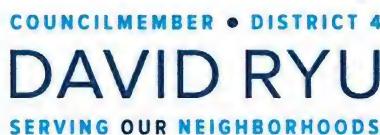
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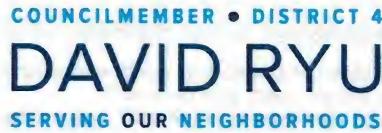
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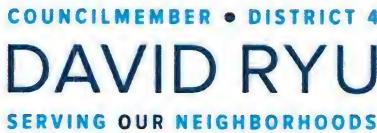
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